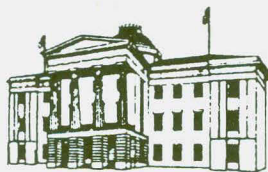


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April 2011 marks the 44th anniversary of the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 and the 28th anniversary of the State Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, the State Fair Housing Act of 1983 and the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 prohibit discrimination in housing because of "race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicapping condition and familial status"; and

WHEREAS, one of the most important concerns of North Carolina individuals and families is the availability of decent and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Human Relations Commission, through its coordinated efforts with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, county and local governments, fair housing organizations and concerned citizens of the housing industry, continues to strive toward promoting broader housing choices in North Carolina, promoting understanding of the State Fair Housing Act and the Federal Fair Housing Act, encouraging integrated communities and/or neighborhoods, securing compliance with state and federal fair housing laws, eliminating discrimination in housing and punishing those who violate the State's Fair Housing law, and protecting the victims of housing discrimination;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2012, as "**FAIR HOUSING MONTH**" in North Carolina and encourage our citizens to rededicate themselves to ensuring that fair housing laws are always upheld and that citizens are protected against discrimination.



A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Beverly Eaves Perdue".

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirtieth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.